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**Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railroad.**

Schedule in effect May 21st, 1899

TRAINS LEAVE FREDERICKSBURG

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**To the Voters of King George.**

Alden, King George Co., Va., May 9, 1899.

Four years ago, when I was a candidate for the Treasurer's Office, I was approached by the leaders of my party and others with the proposition that I would withdraw and support F. F. Ninde this should be my time and they would support me, assuring me that I would not be a candidate in 1899. I agreed and complied with my agreement. What do I find now? "Political treachery!" Who is responsible? Ninde has not seen proper to answer my inquiries of February 2, 1899. Therefore I announce myself a candidate for the office of county treasurer and cordially invite your support, promising if elected to carry out the requirements of the office.

Respectfully,  
V. O. Caruthers.

**Local and Current Comments.**

Capt. S. Q. Peyton has returned from a trip to Paquot.

Wanted to purchase a large mule, Box 3, Fredericksburg, Va.

Mr. Eugene Broadbent, of Caroline, was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. J. Bowie Gray, of Stafford, is visiting friends in New York.

Hon. Wm. A. Little and wife have returned from Atlantic City.

Mr. S. J. Billingsley, of King George county, was in the city Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Howard have returned from a visit to relatives in King George county.

Ladies, you can get more style and more change for if you buy your Millinery at T. N. Brent's.

Mr. John H. Wallace, of Richmond, spent Sunday here with the family of his mother, Mrs. Bettie G. Wallace.

Beautiful gingham, figured pique, check muslin, dotted muslin and wash goods of all kinds now being opened at E. T. Baker's.

Misses Macon T. and Annie Sale, of King George county, are in Washington attending the Peace Jubilee, and visiting friends.

Messrs. John M. Conway, of Alexandria; James Bell, of Washington, and Charles W. Sale, of Essex county, spent Sunday in the city.

Mr. S. P. DeVault, the noted Richmond college educationist, will give an entertainment at Zion Baptist Church, in Orange county tomorrow.

Mr. Henry Clay Miller, of Baltimore, who has been the guest of the family of Mr. W. E. Bradley for several weeks, returned home yesterday.

One candidate for supervisor in Spotsylvania is reported to have ridden on horseback over 2,000 miles in visiting "the dear people" of his township.

Next Tuesday, the 30th, at 9 o'clock in the morning, a meeting of the ministers of the city will be held in the pastor's study at the Baptist church.

Mr. S. S. Bradford has awarded the contract for his new residence to Mr. Frank P. Stearns, and work on the foundation has already commenced.

Miss Summerson, of Staunton, Va., formerly one of the teachers of music in the college here, was in the city Saturday and Sunday visiting friends.

We are glad to hear that Capt. J. N. Barney is much improved and hopes to be on the street in a short time. His trouble was not paralysis, as at first reported, but rheumatic in nature.

Mr. A. J. Dare and Mrs. E. M. Crawford, both of this county, were married Sunday evening at the home of the groom, Rev. Mr. Smith, Adventist, officiating.

Rev. W. J. Morton and wife of Tappahannock, who have been attending the Episcopal Council, in Richmond, are now visiting Mrs. M. A. parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Moncreux, in Stafford.

Our Success—Ladies' button and lace dog-eared shoes. As stylish, handsome and long lived as shoes that cost \$3. Exquisite in design, exact in style. Our price \$1.00.

Rev. George E. Henderson, missionary to Brazil, gave an interesting account of his work in Brazil at the morning service at the Presbyterian church Sunday, and at night preached an able and instructive sermon.

We have received the handsome announcement of the commencement exercises and semi-centennial celebration of Austin College, Sherman, Texas, of which Rev. Dr. T. R. Sampson, formerly of this city, is the president.

You will find at Hall's Drug Store the most complete assortment of sick room requisites. Hot water bottles, air pillows, fountain and bulb syringes, rubber bed pans, soft rubber face bottles, atomizers and all appliances needed either by physician or patient.

The carelessness of children in lighting matches caused the destruction of a store of several stacks of hay, and other feed at Mr. Nathan Gardner's, in Spotsylvania, last Friday. The timely discovery of the fire and prompt work of people nearby saved Mr. Gardner's dwelling and outbuildings.

Mr. B. T. Andrews, secretary of the central board in Spotsylvania, requests us to give notice that the judges of election who were elected by the electoral board, the 5th of July, 1898, will hold said position for twelve months from said time, and are authorized to hold the election on the 30th of May next, under Acts 1897-8, chapter, 832.

The church has appointed Messrs. R. B. McCall, A. F. Rozzie and J. S. McCord, who are empowered to select one who is not a member of this church, as a representative of the city and one from the Widewater District, to hold the election on the 30th of May next, under Acts 1897-8, chapter, 832.

Mr. J. H. Rowley, of Rollins' Fork neighborhood, King George county, was in the city Monday on business and drove a fine team, returning by steam. From all that we heard, he evidently has his eye on several charming young ladies that he would like to select the future Mrs. R. from. He is good looking and jovial and worth capturing.

Mr. J. T. Thornton and mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Thornton, and sister, Miss Tillie G. Thornton, spent Sunday with Mrs. L. T. Kearley and returned to their home in Port Royal by steamer yesterday afternoon. They came up to see their relatives, the Christiana Thompson and Leslie Thornton, son of Mr. A. P. Thornton, who have been guests of Mrs. Kearley and who left yesterday morning for their home in Fern Bank, Ohio.

Off for Washington.

About thirty left here on the excursion train to Washington yesterday, and on the regular morning passenger train two coaches were filled with people from here and the nearby counties, who availed themselves of the more advanced rates, considering the time limit, to attend the peace jubilee. Quite a number also went up on the afternoon train and many more will leave today.

The Circus.

Quite a large number of country people were in town and attended San Bros Circus Saturday. The attendance at night was also large. The circus people left Sunday morning for Spotsylvania Court-house, where they gave a show yesterday.

**King George.**

The Political Campaign Nearing the End.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)

Shiloh, Va., May 20th, 1899.

When Greek meets Greek, 'twere folly to be wise. When a political battle is waged between two or more Democrats there is no party line upon which to base a calculation of the result, and the cloud of dust and doubt surrounding the field greatly increases the interest, and adds much to the fun of the fight. There is more private pie at the political counter; the children get more campaign cake and candy, and more soft-soap and salt are expended than in a party contest.

The fight grows fiercer as the end approaches. Some who enlisted early in the war, and did run well for a season, have fallen by the wayside and passed into the hands of the undertaker. A goodly number still survive, and it is interesting to note the capers and evolutions of some of these as they now approach near enough to hear the bubbling of the swirl, troughs and sniff the spicy odors of the flesh pots of office. The storm center is around the treasurer's office, and the display of fire works at that place eclipses the lesser lights at other points. Those little cones of edifying dust seen scurrying along our highways, like miniature whirlwinds, mark the scuffle of contending candidates for Overseer of the Poor or other minor office.

The race for Commissioner of Revenue grows more and more lively. The two Democratic candidates are having a regular Joe-Dandy time, while their Republican competitor, who is making a still hunt, only smiles as he looks on and gently strokes his flowing beard as he slyly winks his weather eye.

Our young friend, Rose, who stands alone on the track for Commonwealth's attorney, is becoming somewhat reconciled to his lonely position, but says he feels very keenly the loss of "that stern joy which warriors feel in fœmen worthy of their steel."

Sheriff Price, finding at the opening of the campaign that Deputy W. H. Hedlin, his running mate four years ago, would now be a competitor, wooed and won another companion, but after a few weeks of happy wedlock this one, too, deserted him. If defeated, he may bring suit against some one for alienating the affections of his spouse.

The voters will load their big guns next Thursday, the judges of elections will fire them off that night, and then—

We will send you report of the killed and wounded.

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**To the Voters of King George.**

Four years ago F. W. Payne, Republican nominee, F. F. Ninde and myself were candidates for the treasurer's office. The morning of our convention (Democratic) when I was approached to withdraw in Ninde's favor Ninde was on the grounds, and he knew we didn't talk politics, and he knew by his card, of January 20, 1899, that such propositions had been made. Why, then, should he have kept it a secret for four years, that he had "promptly, flatly and without hesitation declined the proposition?" In the name of God, I don't hesitate to say that I believed that F. F. Ninde was back of the propositions, and if he wasn't, and if he did not intend to put up political trickery on me, why didn't he get up in the convention, he and I being present, and state the facts that he wasn't back of the propositions and wasn't responsible for them? That would, in my judgment, have been honest politics. But he did nothing of the kind; he sat in the convention as usual as an on-looker on the subject, and held his declaration back in the dark until January 20, 1899, and has up to date never seen men to answer my polite inquiries, made in the press, and by card on the Courthouse front, February 2, 1899.

Now I hear that he has affidavits to publish on the subject.

Gentlemen, if that is a fact, why has he done so? Is he afraid of a reply? That looks like trickery to me, if it is a fact. And all I have to ask of you is to turn the searchlight on their past records, whoever the ones are making the affidavits.

Ninde's brother, J. O. Ninde, I understand, is circulating reports, one of which is that I didn't even expect to be elected, "that I had said so myself," which statement I brand as false, one of which is that a fulling mill was being located for a false and malicious purpose by whomsoever circulated, J. O. Ninde, or any one else. And I will ask J. O. N. to turn the searchlight that he is using on his own sayings and doings, if he is the president, and make the "galled jay" wince.

Gentlemen, if I had been dealt with honestly, instead of with trickery, matters might not be as they are. However, I assure you that I consider my chances of election as good as any one's, if it is all not trickery here.

Therefore, I cordially ask you for your support and votes on May 25, 1899.

Respectfully,  
V. O. Caruthers.

5-18-'99

**Fourth Immunes Will Take Part in Peace Jubilee.**

Harrisburg, Pa., May 21.—The Fourth Immunes have been honored by an order, directing Col. Pettit to take his fine command of Maryland, Virginia District of Columbia and West Virginia men to Washington early Tuesday morning to participate in the peace jubilee parade on that day. The men will carry travel rations and return on Thursday.

It has been definitely announced that the Fourth will be mustered out on Thursday, June 8.

Some of the officers of the Fourth were entertained today at the swell Harrisburg Club.

To the cool weather at Camp Meade is attributed the small crowd of visitors at the Fourth's dress parade this evening.

When asked his impression of Camp Meade this afternoon an officer of the Fourth replied:

"It is a paradise compared with the place we left." He meant Manzanillo, Cuba.

Professor Colville, of the U. S. Agricultural Department, will investigate the fermentation of corn shipped from Southern ports to Europe.

The American Line steamer Paris struck a rock of "The Manacles," near Falmouth, England, early last Sunday morning. She is fast on the rock, but her passengers and crew are safe.

The fourteenth annual Conference of the State and Provincial Boards of Health of North America will meet in Richmond, Va., at the Jefferson Hotel today and tomorrow. This conference is composed of delegates representing the State Boards of Health of the United States, and there will be delegates from Canada and Mexico. The conference is quite large, and many physicians of reputation will be present.

**ORANGE.**

Items of General Interest.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)

Orange Co., May 20th, 1899.

The saw mill of J. U. Henderson, located in Madison, was destroyed by fire Tuesday night. No insurance. Operations in that section were completed and the enterprising proprietors were making ready to move to West Virginia where they have purchased some thousand acres of fine timber. None of the lumber on the yards was destroyed. New engines and saw fixtures will be put up on the new site.

B. W. Munday, of Barboursville, has been through our section this week. He is deservedly popular with our people, and many predict that he will be our next sheriff.

We learn that R. E. Armentrout, of Rapidan, is a candidate for assessor next year.

Dr. J. O. Hiden is visiting in Pamunkey section. He has presented himself with a fine horse and new saddle, and is enjoying rural scenery, &c.

Rev. T. S. Dunaway, D. D., is a welcome visitor in our community. Tomorrow he preaches at Pamunkey. Long live this excellent man of God to shed light in the darkness.

Ernest Baker, wife and son, of Washington, are expected today to Pa John Frazer's. Cordial welcome to them.

Willie Brown, wife and daughter, of Winchester, Ky., are visiting relatives in Lahore section. Miss Brown, it is said, will make her home with her aunt, Mrs. J. S. Jackson, whose husband and niece, both have died since Xmas, leaving here alone in the old home.

Mrs. Jennie Ware and children, of Richmond, are visiting Huntsman's Rest, the attractive home of her father, J. M. Henderson.

We hear that J. B. Martin is a candidate for Commissioner of the Revenue, against the present incumbent, Tom Rowe. Tom will be a hard fellow to beat, but Jim is a live boy.

Measles is all about this region. Marshall Jackson, of Lahore, is a victim, but not seriously sick.

Marvin Watkins, who cut his leg very badly last week, is doing well. Lucinda Ellis, a colored woman, of good repute in ante-bellum days, died at her home, near Pine Top, Thursday night. She formerly belonged to Mr. R. B. Burruss, and to her death was more or less in the service of his family. She was a member of the Shady Grove Baptist church.

Many colored people as well as a goodly number of whites, have died in this section in six months. Most of them, however, had long since reached three score.

A. M. Daniel does not improve as fast as her friends would like, and it is feared unless she can be induced to lay down her domestic duties and recuperate, that her health will not be restored.

If the political aspirants who conceived and brought forth the May convention had any forebodings about their future career, they should now be satisfied and seek some other venture.

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**Sudden Death of Mr. J. W. Burke.**

Mr. J. W. Burke, a well-known citizen of this county, died suddenly of heart disease, Saturday evening at his home near Massaponax church. He attended at his usual duties in the morning, but complained of feeling unwell just before dinner, and started to work in the afternoon, but returned to his residence and soon expired. He was fifty-two years old and a native of Essex. A widow and five children, Mrs. A. H. Crismond, Alice, George, Willie and Annie, survive him.

The interment was made in the family burying ground yesterday afternoon, 2, 1899.

Now Advertisements.

The attention of those owing or having claims against the late firm of J. H. Myer, Jr., & Co., is directed to the notice elsewhere of J. H. Myer, Jr.

Farmers should read the advertisement of T. W. Wood & Sons, in another column.

Created by a Gypsy's Prophecy.

Morgantown, W. Va., May 21.—Superintendent Stathers, of the State Hospital for the insane, at Western, received an application this morning for the admission of Mrs. Mary Callahan, whose home is in Berkeley county. Her insanity is due to a strange cause.

About a year ago a band of gypsies camped near her home. One day one of the gypsy women went to the house and asked permission to tell the fortunes of several members of the family. Mrs. Callahan refused to let her come in the house. The gypsy departed, but as she was leaving declared that Mrs. Callahan's husband would die in two months. Just two months afterward Mr. Callahan died. Mrs. Callahan conceived the idea that her treatment of the gypsy had something to do with her husband's death, and brooded so over it that she became violently insane.

Probably the oldest operating locomotive in the United States was sent to the scrap-heap of the Pennsylvania Railroad recently. It bore the name of "Colonel Mobey," and was built in Richmond in 1852.

Memorial services were held at Manassas, Va., Saturday last, under the auspices of the Daughters of the Confederacy and Ewell Camp, Confederate Veterans. Mr. Lewis Machen, of Fairfax, delivered the oration.

The Railroad Commissioners of Virginia has instituted suit against the Louisville and Nashville to compel it to reduce rates on lumber, logs, and other forest products in the Cumberland Valley, in Lee and Wise counties, to Norfolk and other points in Virginia. Attorney-General Montague will represent the State.

Opponents of former Senator Quay are considering a plan to compel Governor Stone to call a special session of the Pennsylvania Legislature to elect a United States Senator.